

House Bill 363--Friendly Amendment

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011

Note from Rep. Mike Cuffe

CHAIRMAN WASHBURN AND FWP COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

I SPOKE WITH FWP ADMINISTRATOR DAVE RISLEY YESTERDAY AND HE AGREED THAT OBJECTIONS IN THE FISCAL NOTE WERE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE HB 363 REVISION I HAD DONE PRIOR TO APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

ADMINISTRATOR RISLEY ALSO OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. HIS EMAIL AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENT IS ATTACHED. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT ALTHOUGH WE NEED TO COLLAR PACKS IN LIVESTOCK CONFLICT AREAS, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STOPPING FWP FROM COLLARING IN OTHER AREAS. I UNDERSTAND THEY ALREADY HAVE DIRECTION TO COLLAR ALL WOLF PACKS, AND THIS BILL DOESN'T INTEND TO CHANGE THAT. FOLLOWING IS THE WORDING I WOULD PREFER TO SEE IN THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WHICH PERHAPS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE COULD OFFER ON THE FLOOR:

(2) Money deposited in accordance with subsection (1) must be equally divided and allocated for the following purposes:

(a) wolf-collaring activities conducted pursuant to 87-5-132 with an emphasis on collaring and identifying every wolf pack located within livestock producing areas of the state.

YOU MAY NOTE THAT THE WORDING IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF ADMINISTRATOR RISLEY, BUT I FEEL IT ADDRESSES THE INTENT OF THE BILL.

THANK YOU,

REP. MIKE CUFFE

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Rep. Cuffe – Attached in the suggested changes we just discussed. I will either be at the capitol or in my office tomorrow. Thanks, Dave

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(2) Money deposited in accordance with subsection (1) must be equally divided and allocated for the following purposes:

(a) wolf-collaring activities conducted pursuant to 87-5-132 with an emphasis on wolf packs within livestock producing areas of the state;

~~(b) transfer to the state special revenue account established in 81-1-110 for activities conducted pursuant to 2-15-3111 to prevent wolf predation; and~~

c) lethal action conducted pursuant to 87-1-217 to take problem wolves that attack livestock.

(3) Any unspent or unencumbered money in the account at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the account.